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Sir:

I, Masashi IZUMIDA, hereby declare and state:

THAT I have received the degree of Master of Science in the Division of Molecular Materials Science from Osaka City University Graduate School of Science; and

THAT I have been employed by KANEKA Corp. since April 2001, where I hold a position as a researcher, with responsibility for research of fine chemicals (from April 2001 to July 2009) and research of surfactin (from August 2009 to present).

The experiment set forth in the Declaration filed July 31, 2009 in the above-identified application was reproduced by me or under my direct supervision from February 7 to 14, 2011, and a photograph showing the results was taken. The photograph, which is attached hereto, shows the state after a lapse of one week at 50°C from the preparation of the composition.

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As is clear from the results shown in the photograph, virtually no change has been observed in the composition according to the preparation of Example 1 of the present invention after a lapse of one week at 50°C from the preparation compared to the composition immediately after the preparation. On the other hand, the composition of the Comparative Example corresponding to Yoneda separated into two layers immediately after preparation of the composition.

Thus, I conclude that the present invention provides unexpectedly superior results.

I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: February 28, 2011

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